

**REMARKS**

The present application is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/572,353 entitled PREAPPLIABLE PHASE CHANGE THERMAL INTERFACE PAD, filed May 17, 2000, and now in the issuance process.

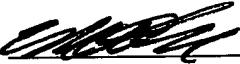
The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed to seek protection of additional thermal interface pads and methods of using the same that fall within the scope of the present invention. Specifically, the claims of the present application are drawn to thermal interfaces and uses of such thermal interfaces that are comprised of a generally planar substrate consisting essentially of a single layer having a portion thereof that is operative to extend beyond the juncture between an electronic component and a heat sink. Formed upon the sides of the planar substrate are layers of a heat conductive composition operative to facilitate the transfer of heat from the electronic components to a heat sink. A layer of adhesive is further provided that is formed upon a respective one of the layers of the heat conductive composition that is localized on the portion of the substrate extending beyond the juncture between electronic component and the heat sink.

The Examiner is advised that the format of the newly added claims submitted herein are substantially similar to those of the allowed claims of the parent case, and clearly and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance and request early notice to that effect. To the extent the Examiner has any questions or requires additional information regarding this application, or has any suggestions to expedite the resolution of any outstanding issues of which the Examiner is aware, Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' counsel at the number listed below.

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